

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 28

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Fryslie, Garnos, Gray, Heidepriem, Howie, Hunhoff (Jean), Maher, Merchant, Miles, and Novstrup (Al) and Representatives Putnam, Blake, Bolin, Brunner, Burg, Dennert, Dreyer, Elliott, Engels, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Hamiel, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Iron Cloud III, Juhnke, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kopp, Lange, Lucas, McLaughlin, Moser, Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Romkema, Schrempp, Sly, Solberg, Sorenson, Street, Thompson, and Vanderlinde

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life and times of Chester Sorensen of Freeman, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen and his wife Marjorie, who passed away in 2002, are the parents of five children, including Tim, Keith, Sam, David, and Mary Ann; seventeen grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen has been the mayor of Freeman for twelve years and served as a member of the city council for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen has served on the Mennonite Disaster Service for several years, served on the Selective Service Board for twenty years, was the South Dakota VFW State Commander from 1976-1977, and served as a VFW National Councilman from 1978-1980; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen was a baseball umpire for amateur and legion teams for numerous years and was inducted into the South Dakota Umpire Hall of Fame in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the first SD "Chester Sorensen Veteran of the Year" recipient was named in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen was the driving force and co-founder, along with Tom Stolp, of



the Annual Youth Fishing Derby held each year on the first Saturday in June since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen has owned and operated Sorensen Surge Dairy Equipment, and currently works part time for Broders Harvesting and Trucking of Freeman; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen is a friend to all who know him and has dedicated his life to making Freeman and the surrounding area a better place in which to live, raise a family, and retire; and

WHEREAS, Chester Sorensen, eighty-four-years old, is a role model exemplifying hard work and strong family values:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the life and times of Chester Sorensen be honored.